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REMARKS

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1. Koethen airfield was observed between 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on 3 March 1952 in warm and sunny weather. After 11:30 a.m., there was intensive flying by individual swept-back jet fighters. At 1:30 p.m., three swept-back jet fighters with auxiliary fuel tanks practiced formation flying. Thirty-six jet fighters were parked at the field. * Three swept-back jet fighters taxied to the take-off point at 2:38 p.m. and another one, at 3:20 p.m. Individual take-offs were made by swept-back jet fighters at:

2:39 p.m. 3:27 p.m. 4:17 p.m. 4:44 p.m.
 2:43 p.m. 3:42 p.m. 4:18 p.m. 4:45 p.m.
 3:24 p.m. 4:10 p.m. 4:33 p.m. 4:47 p.m.
 3:26 p.m. 4:15 p.m.

At 2:49 p.m., two swept-back jet fighters took off.

The following landings were made by swept-back jet fighters:

| Time | Number of Planes |
|-----------|------------------|
| 2:38 p.m. | 1 |
| 2:40 " | 1 |
| 2:54 " | 1 |
| 2:55 " | 1 |
| 3:00 " | 1 two-seater |
| 3:02 " | 2 |
| 3:10 " | 1 |
| 3:12 " | 1 |
| 3:25 " | 1 |
| 3:31 " | 1 |
| 4:00 " | 1 |
| 4:12 " | 1 two-seater |
| 4:20 " | 1 |
| 4:30 " | 1 |
| 4:32 " | 1 |
| 4:37 " | 1 |
| 4:39 " | 1 |
| 4:40 " | 1 |
| 4:43 " | 1 |

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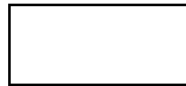
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
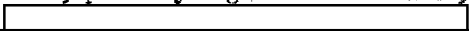
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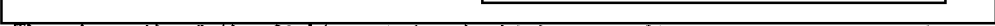
2. Near the take-off point was a truck from the top of which the signals for the take-offs and landing were given. West of the field, near Gross Wuelknitz, there were a radio installation consisting of a truck, a mast and a tent and a DF station consisting of four masts and a small trailer. 

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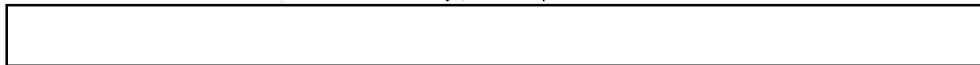
- *  Comment. Koothen airfield is occupied by a recently activated fighter regiment and an unidentified unit, probably a ground attack unit, which is equipped with jet aircraft. 

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The strength of the fighter regiment which, according to previous reports, is equipped with a few MiG-15s, has not been determined.

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